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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Recommendations pages 281 and 294 of the report of the Inspector General on his inspection of the Technical Services Staff

REFERENCE: DD/P Memorandum of 7 August 1957 in response to the recommendations of the Inspector General (TS # 118089/A with TS # 118089)

1. This memorandum submits recommendations for the approval of the DCI. Such recommendations are contained in paragraphs 3 and 4.

2. In the referent memorandum we asked that DD/P comments on the recommendations of the I. G. on page 281 be deferred until January 1958 as the comments on these recommendations would depend on the results of the DD/P study of the I. G. recommendations made on page 294 with regard to the DD/P Materiel Board. Our further consideration of these recommendations by the I. G. have led to the following conclusions.

3. We prefer to preserve the TSS Advisory Committee as it is at present rather than change it as recommended by the I. G. Obviously the Inspector General had it in mind that the reconstituted TSS Advisory Committee would assume the functions of the DD/P Materiel Board which the I. G. recommended be abolished. We fear, however, that the Advisory Committee as reconstituted would encounter much the same difficulties as has the Materiel Board. As it is at present the TSS Advisory Committee provides a useful forum for the review of certain developments accomplished by TSS and we should like to keep it.

4. Rather than replace the Materiel Board with a reconstituted Advisory Committee we propose to abolish the Materiel Board and establish in its place a DD/P Technical Requirements Board. This Board will be less ponderous and less formal than the Materiel Board. We believe that

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it will do a better job with less waste effort. The DD/P Technical Requirements Board will be responsible to the DD/P and act for him. It will have knowledge of what TSS is doing in research and development and will assure that requirements placed on TSS (or Communications) are reasonable and necessary and will contribute significantly to successful operations.

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Recommendations contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 are APPROVED, subject to the recommendations of Mr. Bissell in his memorandum dated 11 February 1958.

Dep. /s/ C. P. Cabell 17 MAR 1958
Director of Central Intelligence

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